In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 5 and 21 as indicated below. The status of all pending claims is as follows:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A load monitoring condition determination method for determining a load monitoring condition for performing load monitoring of a computer system comprised of one computer or a plurality of computers, wherein the method comprises:

giving a load to the computer system from outside of the computer system;

measuring a response or a throughput outside the computer system while the load is given to the computer system;

measuring a resource situation inside the computer system while the load is given to the computer system; and system;

determining a load monitoring condition used for the load monitoring of the computer system from the amount of load given to the computer system, the results of measuring the response or throughput and the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system, system; and

performing load monitoring on only the load monitoring condition, or conditions, determined during the load monitoring condition determining step,

wherein the load monitoring condition includes information, regarding an item being monitored, which computer of the computer system and which item of resources in the

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computer should be monitored and a threshold value, which corresponds to a measured value of the item being monitored, to be used for monitoring of the item being monitored.

2. (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination method according to claim 1, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

relating the load given from the outside to the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system;

thereby detecting a resource item having responded well
in conjunction with the load setting rendering the resource item that responded well as the item being monitored; and

determining the threshold, as a criterion for monitoring the resource item, by any of means of marginal performance calculated or predicted from measured response or throughput.

3. (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination method according to claim 2, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

in the case where the results of measuring the response or throughput show the marginal performance, determining the threshold based on the results of measuring the resource situation of the resource item that responded well in conjunction with the load.

4.   (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination method according to claim 1, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

presenting, to a system administrator, information on the amount of load given to the computer system, the results of measuring the response or throughput and the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system; and

having a part or all of the load monitoring conditions optimum for load monitoring of the computer system selected by the system administrator and setting the selected information as the load monitoring conditions.

5.   (Currently Amended)   A load monitoring condition determination system for determining a load monitoring condition for performing load monitoring of a computer system comprised of one computer or a plurality of computers, wherein the system comprises:

load generating means for giving a load to the computer system from outside of the computer system;

external response and throughput measuring means for measuring a response or a throughput outside the computer system while giving the load to the computer system; and

system;

load monitoring condition judgment support means for determining a load monitoring condition used for load monitoring of the computer system from the amount of load given to the computer system, the results of measuring the response or throughput and

the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system while giving the load to the computer ~~system,~~ system; and

means for performing load monitoring on only the load monitoring condition, or conditions, determined by the load monitoring condition judgment support means,

wherein the load monitoring condition includes information, regarding an item being monitored, which computer of the computer system and which item of resources in the computer should be monitored and a threshold value, which corresponds to a measured value of the item being monitored, to be used for monitoring of the item being monitored.

6.   (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination system according to claim 5, wherein the load monitoring condition judgment support means relates to the load given to the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system,

detects a resource item having responded well in conjunction with the load given and sets the resource item that responded well as the item being monitored,

determines the threshold, as a criterion for monitoring the resource item, by calculating or predicting from the measured response or throughput.

7-12.   (Cancelled)

13.   (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination method according to Claim 1, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

relating the load given externally to the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system;

thereby detecting a resource item having responded well in conjunction with the load setting the resource item that responded well as the item being monitored; and

determining the threshold, as a criterion for monitoring the resource item, by physical limitation calculated from the results of measuring the resource situation.

14.   (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination method according to claim 13, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

in the case where the results of measuring the resource situation of the monitored resource item show the physical limitation, determining the threshold based on the physical limitation of resource item having responded well in conjunction with the load.

15.   (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination method according to claim 2, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

in the case where the results of measuring the response or throughput do not show the marginal performance and the results of measuring the resource situation of the monitored resource item do not show the physical limitation, predicting the marginal

performance from the results of measuring the responses or throughputs, and determining the threshold based on the predicted marginal performance.

16.   (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination system according to claim 6, wherein the load monitoring condition judgment support means, by relating the load given to the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system, detects a resource item that responded well in conjunction with the load and sets the resource item that responded well in conjunction with the load and sets the resource item that responded well as the item being monitored, and determines the threshold, as a criterion for monitoring the resource item, by physical limitation calculated from the results of measuring the resource situation.

17.   (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination system according to claim 5, wherein the load monitoring condition judgment support means, in the case where the results of measuring the response or throughput show the marginal performance, determines the threshold based on the results of measuring the resource situation of the resource item that responded well in conjunction with the load.

18.   (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination system according to claim 5, wherein the load monitoring condition judgment support means, in the case where the results of measuring the resource situation of the monitored resource

item show the physical limitation, determines the threshold based on the physical limitation of the resource item that responded well in conjunction with the load.

19. (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination system according to claim 5, wherein the load monitoring condition judgment support means, in the case where the results of measuring the response or throughput do not show the marginal performance and the results of measuring the resource situation of the monitored resource item show the physical limitation, predicts the marginal performance from the results of measuring the responses or throughputs, and determines the threshold based on the predicted marginal performance.

20. (Previously Presented)   The load monitoring condition determination system according to claim 5, comprising threshold monitoring means for performing the load monitoring of the computer system using the determined load monitoring condition.

21. (Currently Amended)   A computer readable medium storing a load monitoring program for causing a computer to execute a method for determining a load monitoring condition for performing load monitoring of a computer system comprised of one computer or a plurality of computers, wherein the program causes a computer of the computer system to execute:

giving a load to a computer system from outside of the computer system;

measuring a response or a throughput outside of the computer system while the

load is given to the computer system;

measuring a resource situation inside of the computer system while the load is

given to the computer ~~system; and~~ system;

determining a load monitoring condition used for the load monitoring of the

computer system from the amount of load given to the computer system, the results of

measuring the response or throughput and the results of measuring the resource situation

inside the computer ~~system,~~ system; and

performing load monitoring on only the load monitoring condition, or

conditions, determined during the load monitoring condition determining step,

wherein the load monitoring condition includes information regarding an item

being monitored, which computer of the computer system and which item of resource the

computer should be monitored, and a threshold value, which corresponds to a measured value

of the item being monitored, to be used for monitoring of the item being monitored.

22.   (Previously Presented)   The computer readable medium according to

claim 21, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

relating the load given to the results of measuring the resource situation inside

the computer system;

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thereby detecting a resource item having responded well in conjunction with the load given and setting the resource item that responded well as the item being monitored; and

determining the threshold, as a criterion for monitoring the resource item, by marginal performance calculated or predicted from the measured response or throughput.

23. (Previously Presented) The computer readable medium according to claim 21, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

relating the load given to the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system,

thereby detecting a resource item having responded well in conjunction with the load and setting the resource item that responded well as the monitoring item, and

determining the threshold, as a criterion for monitoring the resource item, by physical limitation calculated from the results of measuring the resource situation.

24. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes, in the case where the results of measuring the response or throughput show the marginal performance, determining the threshold based on the results of measuring the resource situation of the resource item that responded well in conjunction with the load.

25.   (Previously Presented)   The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein determining load monitoring condition includes, in the case where the results of measuring the resource situation of the monitored resource item show the physical limitation, determining the threshold based on the physical limitation of the resource item that responded well in conjunction with the load.

26.   (Previously Presented)   The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes, in the case where the results of measuring the response or throughput do not show the marginal performance and the result of measuring the resource situation of the monitored resource item does not show the physical limitation, predicting the marginal performance from the results of measuring the responses or throughputs, and determining the threshold based on the predicted marginal performance.

27.   (Previously Presented)   The computer-readable medium according to claim 21, wherein determining the load monitoring condition includes:

presenting, to a system administrator, information on the amount of load given to the computer system, the results of measuring the response or throughput and the results of measuring the resource situation inside the computer system; and

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having part or all of the load monitoring conditions optimum for load monitoring of the computer system selected by the system administrator and setting the selected information as the load monitoring conditions.